



# The COMMUNITY News

## Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano

*OUR VISION: We will become a dynamic and nurturing religious community that celebrates our human diversity, supports lifelong spiritual growth, and acts for compassion and justice in the larger community.*

### December 2010

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#### Typical Sunday

- **9:15 a.m.**  
Inquirer's Class  
(1st Sunday of each month)
- **10:30 - 11:45 a.m.**  
Worship  
Religious Education for Children and Youth;  
Nursery Childcare
- **11:45 a.m.**  
Coffee and Conversation

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**Church office closed  
December 24th thru  
January 3rd.**

### CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH US

Some observers have pointed out that one of the benefits of being a Unitarian Universalist is that you get to celebrate ALL the holidays. We have a cluster of activities scheduled for December and one, if not all, is certain to make your spirits bright.

On **Sunday, December 12**, we're in for a treat. This year our children will present "The Dragon Who Never Had A Christmas." Director Robin Coulonge gets amazing performances from her young charges and you're guaranteed to depart with a smile on your face.

On **Sunday, December 19**, Kathy Smith will coordinate a cast of players in our annual celebration of the traditions of Yule, Hanukkah and Christmas. We'll all participate in the joyous festivities. It's good to be reminded that the holidays are about more than inflatable Sponge Bobs on front lawns, Ho, Ho, Ho-ing Santas in chimneys, and gift cards from Wal-Mart. The choir will participate.

There will be **two services on Friday, December 24:**

At **3 pm**, children and their families and the young at heart will gather for singing and stories. Kathy Smith and Kelly Rodriguez are promising a happy  
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### December Sunday Services

**December 5, 2010 - "Religion and Public Education in Texas," Ryan Valentine of Texas Freedom Network.** Rev. Valentine will discuss the work of the TFN Faith Network, a group of more than 600 mainstream religious leaders who seek to provide balance against the work of fundamentalist activists, particularly on the State Board of Education

**December 12, 2010 - "The Dragon Who Never Had A Christmas", Holiday Pageant.** Our children and youth (and supporting adults) present the service this morning under the direction of Robin Coulonge. Heartwarming and real, this service speaks to the true meaning of Christmas.

**December 19, 2010 - Multigenerational Yuletide Service.** This multigenerational, interactive service uses ritual, stories, and song to weave together Yule, Hanukah and Christmas – holidays from three of our six UU sources.

**December 24, 2010 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.** Kelley Rodriguez and Kathy Smith will lead a lively, participatory service of familiar carols and rounds, beautiful descants and bells, readings and stories of the season. Adults, youth, families, children of all ages – all are welcome.

**6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service, led by Rev. Jon Reid.** Please bring canned goods for local food pantries.

**December 26, 2010 - Holiday memories, led by Jo Howser.**

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**Patrick's Sabbatical Ponderings.... "Seasons" Greetings"**

It's hard to believe it is a month since I started a four month sabbatical. Like many of you, I had a great time at our annual Service Auction, and very grateful for your generous support for our congregation. Since the auction, I attended an intensive emotional intelligence/human relations training in Michigan, and conflict management training at our South Western UU Conference's fall leadership conference in Glen Rose. With the help of my niece, I also put down a laminate floor in my son's room. (I think that was the hardest part so far). I also had Thanksgiving with my extensive family in Ft. Worth and managed to squeeze in a couple of books for fun. Now I am on a two week road trip to visit long time friends and teachers of mine near Athens, OH.

I hope your holidays have gotten off to a good start and wish you the merriest of holidays and a happy new year.

Love and blessings, Patrick.

**CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH US (continued from front page)**

melodious afternoon. All ages are welcome.

At **6 pm**, The Reverend Jon Reid and our choir will host a traditional Candles and Carols Service. The lore of the season will be underscored by beautiful music. As it is a season of giving, we encourage you to bring canned food for local food pantries.

On **Sunday, December 26**, Jo Howser will coordinate a sharing of Christmas memories.

Come and join us as we share the special feelings that are experienced by many of us, regardless of our traditions, or lack of them. It's the perfect time for us to come together in mutual support and appreciation of each other and the many blessings life brings us.

***Editorial Policy:*** *In order to be included in our publications an event must be church-initiated, or at the very least officially co-sponsored by an established church committee or organization. Events run by individual members or by other organizations in which individual members play prominent roles, do not qualify.*

**The President's Corner**

*Sarah Reiling*

The winter holidays are just around the corner. Maybe we will have a white Christmas again this year; after last year's snow, anything is possible. Even without snow our calendar here at Community Church is full of festivities to get us in the holiday spirit.

Our holiday pageant is on December 12<sup>th</sup> this year. The actors have been rehearsing diligently and the production is sure to be a big hit. Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> is our annual Yuletide service, and there is both a family service and a candle light service on Christmas Eve. For more details of these and other holiday events see the calendar on our website.

It is easy to get overwhelmed this time of year with all the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation. Please take some time out to enjoy your family, friends and the season. If you are tired of all the endless rounds of shopping, why not give your loved ones the gift of time spent together. I can remember very few of the presents I have received over the years, but memories of making gingerbread men with my mom and sisters is still precious to me.

In this season of plenty, please remember those people in need. The grocery cart in our front foyer is always ready to be filled with your gifts of food for the hungry here in Plano. Remember to put some money in the **Guest at Your Table** box or make an online donation at [www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org). Another great way to help is to make a donation to the Minister's Discretionary fund. It's as easy as writing a check to Community UU Church with Minister's Discretionary fund in the memo line. One purpose of this fund is to help church members and people from the wider community in times of emergency.

I wish all of you the joy and love of this holiday season.

Peace and justice, Sarah

**December Flicks** are shown in founders hall starting at 7:00 pm.

**December 10 – Avatar**

This remarkable James Cameron creation is a must-see film. The story line is familiar, but the grand sweep of the visuals has never before been possible. In fact, the alien world is so seamless that you have to see it multiple times to appreciate the creative genius. Your editor has seen it three times and owns it, so a fourth viewing is more than likely. Not a sci-fi flick.

**December 17 – Meet Me in St. Louis**

One of the finest American musicals, this 1944 film by Vincente Minnelli is an intentionally self-contained story set in 1903, in which a happy St. Louis family is shaken to their roots by the prospect of moving to New York, where the father has a better job pending. Judy Garland heads the cast in what amounts to a splendid, end-of-an-era story that nicely rhymes with the onset of the 20th century. The film is extraordinarily alive, the characters strong, and the musical numbers are so splendidly part of the storytelling that you don't feel the film has stopped for an interlude. --Tom Keogh for Rotten Tomatoes

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Community UU Board of Trustees meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Founders Hall. Members, friends and visitors are always welcome.

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**Social Action News Did You Know This?**

Your Social Action Committee has been very active over the first five months of the church year! We have:

- Served dinner once each month at the **Samaritan Inn**: 32 of our members have participated in this effort so far.
- Provided food donations (canned goods and fresh food from our Community Harvest Garden) to **God's Food Pantry**. In August, we made a special donation of 1,000 cans of food when their supplies were low. We have also paid their electric bill thanks to a generous donation from the Barbara Fisher Memorial Fund.
- Provided four deliveries of food to **My Friend's House** over the summer months to assist while the children were out of school for the summer.
- Participated in the **New Orleans Rebirth Volunteer Project** sponsored by Greater New Orleans Unitarian Universalists; 7 of our members spent a week in New Orleans in August.
- Participated in the **UUA Ethical Eating** study topic with a Sunday Service devoted to the subject, presentation of the film *Fresh*, a class on organic gardening, and two vegetarian dinners.
- Participated in the **Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade** (the "Pride Parade"). Eighteen of our members walked in the parade with area UUs, and NTAUUS won a trophy for the best social commentary.
- Led by our RE students, raised money to save four acres of rainforest during August.
- Prepared and delivered food baskets to **local firefighters** on September 11.
- Collected coats for **Hope's Door** shelter in October.

Sponsored a program by the Friday Folksingers for the residents at **Plano Community Home** in October.

**How You Can Help in December**

- Fill your Guest at Your Table box and return it.
- Support our toy drive for **Children's Medical Center**. Please bring a small stuffed animal and place it in the white mesh container in the church foyer. Stuffed animals should be brand new and they would like to have some with embroidered features (eyes, nose, mouth) since those can go to kids who are younger than 3 years. These toys are given to children who are about to undergo surgery at Children's.

**Bring canned goods for God's Food Pantry.** Place your donations in the small grocery cart in the church foyer.

**Coming in January – watch for more details**

- **UUA Common Read:** UUs read and discuss the same book, creating opportunity for reflection, conversation and discussion. The current book selection is *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands* by Margaret Regan.
- The film *9500 Liberty* will be shown **Friday evening, January 28, at 6:30 p.m.** in Room F

**Applaud and Support the Guest at Your Table!**

Our Guest at Your Table program is going strong! Many of you have brought human rights home and welcomed our “guests” into their lives. Thanks to your support, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is working throughout the United States and around the world to advance human rights. Your Guest at Your Table box and *Stories of Hope* booklet introduce you to people whose lives have been changed by this work. Each week, with family and friends, we focus on a different person's story of hope as we sit down to meals together and consider our many blessings.

You can learn more about UUSC's work to preserve rights and dignity in humanitarian crisis online at [www.uusc.org/humanitariancrises](http://www.uusc.org/humanitariancrises).

***If you have not yet picked up your box, get yours in Founders' Hall! For information, talk to Kathy Smith, Linda Frank or Nelah McComsey. Guest at Your Table is tax deductible! (Be sure to complete the form on your box.) Double Your Impact! Gifts of \$100 will be matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock.***

**Social Action Programs**

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Community Harvest Garden

Samaritan Inn (Monthly dinner)

Plano Make a Difference Day

Plano Food Pantries

CROP Walk

MLK Celebration

Dallas Area Interfaith

**Chalice Circle**

**Simple Living**

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Ona Tannehill

**The Holidays are Coming and there are many jobs to do.....**

The **Odds 'n' Ends bimonthly maintenance and church holiday decorating will take place Saturday, November 27.** We'll start at 9:00 am – join us for an hour, all day, or somewhere in between. **Everyone and all skill levels are invited. In addition to the decorating,** there are a good mix of handyman skills, so we are sure to keep everyone busy. Lunch will be provided. Please let Dick Hildenbrand or Sandy Farlow know if you can contribute to the effort.

RE will be having a tree trimming party after church on Sunday, to decorate the tree in Founder's Hall and add final touches to the tree in the sanctuary.

Dick Hildenbrand

Sandy Farlow

**IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER**

**Information about cancellations will be displayed on the home page of the website. If you are cancelling and event for weather-related reasons, please e-mail Ian Rule at [webguru@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:webguru@communityuuchurch.org).**

**We are too small to be included in the broadcast bulletins of the major media. Some won't mention us at all while others will just put us on their website. So we've simplified it: our website will be the sole source of information about closings or cancellations**

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***REactions!!*****Updates - Announcements - News  
What's Going On For Children & Youth**

**Holiday Pageant Information** – Don't miss the holiday pageant worship service on Sunday, December 12! *The Dragon Who Never had a Christmas* is coming together wonderfully. The cast list is posted in Founders' Hall along with the rehearsal schedule. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [dre@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:dre@communityuuchurch.org) or Robin Coulonge at [acoulfamily@att.net](mailto:acoulfamily@att.net). The upcoming rehearsal schedule is:

November 28 – Sanctuary (12-1)

December 5 – Sanctuary (12-1)

December 11 – Sanctuary (SATURDAY DRESS REHEARSAL, 2-5 p.m.)

December 12 – Rehearse at 9:30, Worship Service at 11 a.m.

**Social Action Sunday** – On Sunday, November 28, there will be no regularly scheduled religious education classes. Children and youth of all ages will gather in Founders' Hall to participate in Social Action activities. And if you'd like to help, please let me know!

**Where in the UU World is our DRE?** My office hours are generally Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Mondays are my day of rest. Other hours are available by appointment – I can be reached at [dre@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:dre@communityuuchurch.org) or by cell phone at 443-668-1336. From December 26-January 1, I will be attending SWIM (Southeast Winter Institute in Miami). During this time, I can be reached by email or by phone, but my response time will be slower than usual.

For more information about any Religious Education activities, please contact me at [dre@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:dre@communityuuchurch.org) or your RE Board at [reboard@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:reboard@communityuuchurch.org).

In faith,

Kathy

**DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sunday, November 28** – RE Social Action Sunday in Founders' Hall  
Tree-Trimming Party After Church!

**Saturday, December 11** – Dress Rehearsal for Pageant

**Sunday, December 12** – Holiday Pageant 11 a.m. Worship – rehearsal 9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, December 19** – Multigenerational Yuletide Service

**Friday, December 24** – Christmas services – 3 p.m. Family Service  
6 p.m. Lessons and Carols

**Literary Ladies Book Club.** The **December 14 selection is Zeitoun**, a nonfiction book written by *Dave Eggers*. We will meet at 7:00 at the home of **Suzie Nicholson**. **Contact Suzie by Dec. 10 if you plan to attend.** Zeitoun tells the story of *Abdulrahman Zeitoun*, the Syrian-American owner of a painting and contracting company in New Orleans who chose to ride out Hurricane Katrina in his Uptown home. Eggers began work on the book in 2006, after meeting Kathy and Abdulrahman through another project called *Voices from the Storm*. He worked closely with the Zeitoun family while researching and writing the book, meeting with them multiple times in New Orleans and letting them read six or seven versions of the manuscript. Wikipedia

This group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes women members and friends of Community UU Church. In January we invite you to share poems and book talks about short stories that you have discovered.

The Literary Ladies Book Club will be providing English tea baked goods after church on December 19 and hosting a re-gifting book swap table. Bring some books and take some home and join us in some conversations about books that have made a difference in your life.

**“New UU” Workshop--Members and Friends**

Do you know someone who wants to learn more about Unitarian Universalism or Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano? Maybe they would like to meet some of our leaders, or to hear about our programs and activities. Maybe they’re thinking about becoming a member. If so, please invite them to the “New UU” Workshop. We’ll do our best to help them. Maybe you want a refresher yourself? You can come as well.

Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2875 East Parker Road, Plano TX 75074, **Sat., Dec. 4th --- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Founder’s Hall**

It’s free, including lunch and child care. But you need to sign up. Register on one of the sheets in the church foyer, talk to a Greeter or contact Anita Van Ouwkerk

**UUSC Award Presentation** The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee will award our church with the James Luther Adams Award for our generous line-item contribution of a gift from our annual budget year 2009 -2010.

The certificate will be presented to our Congregational president, Sarah Reiling on December 19 during the Sunday Service by Diane Duesterhoelt, UUSC Volunteer Network Regional Coordinator of Texas.

Since this is a part of our annual budget, we are all to be congratulated.

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**Annual Holiday Sing - Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The First Friday Folksingers invite everyone to join them for their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Sing on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 PM at the home of Gail and Charlie Battista.

Come gather round the fireplace to welcome the holiday season by playing and singing the songs of the holiday. All voices, instruments and listeners are welcome. A piano is available. Bring a festive snack to share. Seasonal beverages both hard and soft will be provided.

Please contact Gail and Charlie Battista for more information and to RSVP to let them know you'll be coming. Childcare is not available.

**"Sex Education. It's not just for kids anymore!"**

Community Church is proud to present ADULT OWL classes **starting in February!**

Classes will be held on Wednesday nights at 7 pm with only a small fee of \$20 for 14 two-hour workshops!

Come out to talk and learn from one another about sex and spirituality, healthy relationships, and healthy enjoyment of our bodies, from 18-80+, for **OUR WHOLE LIVES!**

Space is limited so contact Samantha Hall or Rob Saxon to sign up early!

**Memory Garden Bricks**

This fall we will add another section to the Memory Garden Brick Path. The bricks can be engraved with up to three lines of 16 characters or three lines with 13 characters per line and a Chalice or other logo. Bricks are \$65.00 each. See Linda Frank for order forms or with questions.

**Women's Alliance**

Women's Alliance hosts our annual **Holiday Get Together!** Your host will be **Valerie Gomes. We will begin at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 11.** There will be a Gift Exchange. Please bring a gift around \$10 in value. Come join us for food, fun and friends!! **For more information, contact Valerie .**

**Next Women's Alliance event:**

**Jan. 22, Saturday evening, Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at Dave and Busters in Dallas, Walnut Hill and 75:** \$36.95 per person for show and dinner. Menu choices: prime rib, chicken or a pasta vegetarian dish. Cash Bar. Car pool is possible. For meeting time and to hold your place contact: Barb Salvo,

**Adult Religious Education**

The Mission of the Adult Religious Education Program is to nurture and stimulate the religious and personal growth of the adult church community. We offer a varied and cohesive program within the context of the living Unitarian Universalist tradition and principles. We provide a range of classes with video and discussions. **These classes can be of interest to persons age 12 and up and are held on weekday evenings throughout the year.** Check our website for flyers and more information on the Adult Religious Education classes and instructors. [www.CommunityUUChurch.org](http://www.CommunityUUChurch.org)

**All Classes Begin at 7 pm. Childcare is available.**

Our Fall semester ends on November 31. However, a few classes continue into December. They are:

**Adventures in Religion with Don Fielding** will meet on Thursdays, Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

**Meditation with Clifton Rule** will meet on Mondays, Dec. 6 and 13.

**Yoga with Tracy Rosipal** will meet on Wednesdays, Dec. 1, 8 and 15.

**January** is a short term where we can present single session and other courses of limited length. This January we will be offering:

**Meditation**, Mondays beginning January 3

**Yoga**, Wednesdays beginning January 5

**Adventures in Religion** Thursdays beginning January 13

**Vegetarian Cooking** – John Gallant; One session: Thursday, January 13

**New Tax Rules for 2010** – Dick Moren; One session: Thursday, Jan. 27

**Explore the Power of Myth through Play** – This provocative series of four classes for adults will use storytelling, clay, painting, water play, shadows, journaling, and other hands-on experiences to challenge your understanding of myth, literal interpretation and universal truth. Thursday evenings in January, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Childcare provided

**February** will bring the Spring term with an engaging roster of new courses. Watch this space for details.

**Simple Living Chalice Circle**

**Meeting time and place** – The next meeting will be Saturday morning, December 11, at 11:00a.m., at Ona Tannehill's home.

**Theme/topic** – Learning together to live deliberately. We are currently reading Voices of Insight, edited by Sharon Salzberg.

**Facilitator** – Ona Tannehill. Email [simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org](mailto:simpleliving@communityuuchurch.org).

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**UUA—Unitarian  
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*www.uua.org*

**UUSC—Unitarian  
Universalist Service  
Committee**

*www.uusc.org*

**SWUUC—Southwest  
District**

*www.swuuc.org*

**NTAUUS**

*www.ntauus.org*

**Community Website  
Links****Collin County  
Interfaith**

*www.setonparish.org/  
Outreach/pai.htm*

**Habitat for Humanity  
South Collin County TX  
(Habitat for Humanity  
SCCTX)**

*www.Habitat-scc.org*

**Habitat ReStore of  
SCCTX**

*www.restore.habitat-  
scc.org*

**You Know An Award Winner – Let's Recognize that Individual!**

NTAUUS is issuing a call for the Second Annual Recognition Awards.

We have talented, hard-working people who provide valuable services to our congregation. Let's submit them for an Award. There are awards for Volunteers, Staff and Minister. Check out the awards criteria. See our church website, member's portal, NTAUUS. The application forms are at the bottom of the NTAUUS page. **Due Date: December 31, 2010. Awards Presentation Luncheon: January 29, 2011, First Church of Dallas.**

**Purpose of the Awards**

The goal is to recognize and honor those who contribute to the cause of the Unitarian Universalist religion and congregations in North Texas, to identify role models and Best Practices across North Texas Association of UU Societies (NTAUUS), and to make visible the contributions of our congregations to the wider North Texas and UU Communities. Submit an applicant for one of the following awards:

The Marty Robinson Award for Volunteers

Ruth Clark Award for Staff Members

Robert Raible Award for Ministers

**Evaluation Criteria for Awards**

- Active Membership in a NTAUUS congregation and/or the District.
- Relevant, visible contributions with a positive impact on the congregation and Unitarian Universalism in the North Texas area.
- Activity and contributions beyond the congregation.
- Thought-out justification of:
  - a) the value of this contribution, reflecting how it addresses our purposes
  - b) how the contributor is a role model and/or has applied or created best practices.

**Recipients are requested to attend the Awards Luncheon on January 29, 2011, at the First Unitarian Church of Dallas.**

**Application Process**

. Submitters are asked to provide a description of the Nominee's contribution, the Nominee's qualifications and experience, and references that can attest to the value and relevance of the contribution as well as to the reflection on the nominee being a role model and/or applying/creating best practices.

- Nominations may be submitted by individuals or congregations and are open to **Youth and Adults.**
- Complete electronic or paper copy of NTAUUS 2010 Recognition Award Nomination Form and attach any relevant documentation. Award Form information should be kept to two pages.

See the form on the website for the address to which the award should be submitted. If you have any questions, contact Celeste Kennedy, NTAUUS Recognition Awards Committee, 2010.

**Finance Committee**

The November service auction was a lot fun and a great success. After expenses, we raised more than \$16,000.00. We thank Tom Reid, all the volunteers who worked very hard, and everyone who donated services and items to the service auction.

The financial information below is from our Profit and Loss Statement for October 2010.

Offering Income	Actual	Budgeted
Pledged Offering	\$17,049.44	\$17,298.75
Loose Offerings/Basket	889.60	1,537.33
New Pledges	70.00	416.67
<b>Offerings Income</b>	<b>\$18,008.82</b>	<b>\$19,252.75</b>

**Income and Expense Report for October, 2010**

	Income	YTD	10/11 BUDGET
Offering Income	\$18,008.82	\$91,002.80	\$231,032.96
Fund Raisers	91.19	4,847.75	18,950.00
Building Usage	2,082.50	8,728.50	24,000.00
Misc. Income	1,437.00	8,097.69	34,100.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$21,619.51</b>	<b>\$112,676.74</b>	<b>\$308,082.96</b>
	<b>Expense</b>		
Administration	\$ 4,131.39	\$16,648.25	\$ 41,505.92
Program/Worship	2,724.47	11,182.19	32,610.00
Religious Education	4,913.46	22,350.84	53,817.00
Facilities	5,475.95	30,486.98	77,292.00
Income generating exp.	0.00	278.14	2,300.00
Ministry	6,942.93	35,459.63	82,920.00
Denomination	1,449.00	6,250.75	17,638.00
Payroll Expenses	11.74	57.88	-0-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$25,648.94</b>	<b>\$122,714.66</b>	<b>\$308,082.92</b>
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (4,029.43)</b>	<b>\$(10,037.92)</b>	

**While Rev. Price is on Sabbatical contact the following people for any emergencies.  
 Pastoral Concerns contact Cyn Blanco, Caring Comm. Chair,  
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- Minister - *The Rev. Patrick Price*  
Rev. Price is on Sabbatical  
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- Director of Religious Education - *Kathy Smith*  
Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 - 5:00 PM, other times by appointment.

- Music Director - *Kelley Poché Rodriguez*

- Church Secretary - *Connie Meints*

[Church office closed on Monday]

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 9am - 2:30pm

Thursday 9am - 2:30pm

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